



COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

Atty. Dkt. No. 030307-0197

#7/B
AS
05/14/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Borge KRINGELUM et al.

Title: METHOD FOR SUPPLY OF
STARTER CULTURES HAVING A
CONSISTENT QUALITY

Appl. No.: 09/813,292

Filing Date: 03/21/2001

Examiner: Davis, Ruth A.

Art Unit: 1651

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box Fee Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below.

JASON E. PAULS
(Printed Name)

Jason E. Pauls
(Signature)

April 18, 2002
(Date of Deposit)

RECEIVED

MAY 03 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Box FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, and 21 as follows.

Sub D

1. (Once Amended) A method for supply of a starter culture with a consistent quality for one-step inoculation of a cultivation medium, comprising the steps of:

(i) supplying a stock inoculum material comprising a concentrate of starter culture organism cells;

(ii) using a subset of said stock inoculum material for direct inoculation of a cultivation medium for subsequent production of starter cultures with a consistent quality;

05/02/2002 RMEBRAHT 00000093 09813292

02 FC:103

36.00 0P